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READ HEADS

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Election Requirement mailed August 11, 2006. The Election Requirement identified the following patentability distinct species:

- (A) FIG. 2,
- (B) FIG. 6, and
- (C) FIG. 8.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the favorable indication that FIGS. 2, 6 and 8 illustrate patentably distinct subject matter. However, Applicant submits that the Election Requirement mistakenly indicated that no claims are generic. Contrary to the statements in the Election Requirement, independent claim 1 (FIG. 2) is generic relative to independent claim 13 (FIG. 6) and independent claim 18 (FIG. 8).

Applicant hereby elects Group A, FIG. 2 *with traverse*. In particular, Applicant traverses the Examiner's statement that no claims are generic. Claim 1 is currently generic with respect to

all pending claims. Moreover, contrary to the Election Requirement, FIG. 2 is generic with respect to each of FIGS. 6 and 8. Independent claims 13 and 18 are both species of the genus defined by claim 1. To be sure, claims 13 and 18 define similar features to claim 1, but each recite additional features.

Applicant requests the Examiner's reconsideration of the statement that no claims are generic, and reconsideration of the Election Requirement. To the extent that the Examiner recognizes that claim 1 (FIG. 2) is generic, claims 1-12 should be examined along with one of the patentably distinct species of claim 13 (FIG. 6) or claim 18 (FIG. 8). For purposes of further election consistent with the traversal herein, Applicant would elect the species of FIG. 6 over the species of FIG. 8.

Claims 1-12 are readable on generic FIG. 2.

Claims 1-17 are readable on generic FIG. 2 and the species of FIG. 6.

In summary, Applicant elects FIG. 2 with traverse, noting that claims 1-12 are readable on FIG. 2. For the reasons advanced above, Applicant submits that claims 1-12 (FIG. 2) are generic to claim 13 (FIG. 6) and claim 18 (FIG. 8). To the extent that the Examiner is persuaded by this traversal, Applicant further elects FIG. 6, and submits that claims 1-17 are readable on this species.


Applicant hereby requests substantive examination with respect to claims 1-17, and in the alternative, with respect to claims 1-12. To the extent that generic claim 1 is found allowable, the Examiner will be required to reconsider the remaining claims.

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